Sea Food Industry

1569. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sea food industries in the country are facing set back due to lack of infrastructure and foreign competition which forced the employees to find job elsewhere for their livelihood;

(b) if so, the reasons for collapse of the industry; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide alternate jobs to the workers who lost their job?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of above, the question does not arise.

Revised Trade Policy

1570. DR. M.A.M RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre Government propose to introduce a new or revised Trade Policy for the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of this revised Trade Policy; and

(c) the benefits of this revised Trade Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Government proposes to introduce the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy, 2004—09 (announced on 31.08.04) on 31st March, 2005. Continued emphasis on employment intensive thrust sectors apart from reduction in transaction costs through procedural simplification and furthering Electronic Data Initiatives are expected to be the key focus of the Annual Supplement of the policy.

Trade Pacts

1571. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have signed any trade pacts with any country;